(iii) Coconut plantation in Khas land in Tripura. Moreover, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Package Programme on Coconut, funds are being provided to the States for production and distribution of high quality disease-free seedlings and demonstration. In Kerala, under the World Bank assisted Kerala Agricultural Development Project, expansion of area under coconut and rejuvenation of old coconut plantation are being taken up. Under this Project, 6521 hectares have been newly planted and 19257 hectares of coconut plantation have been rehabilitated.

(d) and (e) A proposal for market intervention in Copra is under consideration of Government of India.

Statement

(Production in million nuts)

State	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Andhra Pradesh	178·9	184·9	192·4
Assam	45·9	45·9	47·9
Karnataka	917·6	950·3	966·5
Kerala	3005·7	3184·0	2694·7
Maharashtra	61·1	61·1	61·1
Orissa	98 8	97·9	97·9
Tamil Nadu	1019·2	1434·6	1402·2
Tripura	1·7	1·7	1·7
West Bengal	29·4	157·4	167·7
A & N Islands	87·0	96·6	96·6
Goa, Daman & Diu	91·0	105·5	106·0
Pondicherry	15·4	14·4	14·1
Lakshdweep	21·7	21·8	22·2
All India	5573·4	6356·1	5871·0

Damage to Cotton Crop in Andhra Pradesh

†*367. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to the spread of "White fly" the cotton crop was considerably damaged in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1984;

(b) if so, the quantum of crop so damaged;

(c) whether it is a fact that the "White Flies" are spreading this year also and damaging the cotton crop in large areas in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what measures the Central Government propose to take to provide

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relief to the cotton growers affected as a resut thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government are aware that in 1984 the white fly attack in Andhra Pradesh was on 1.26 lakh hectares out of total cotton area of 5.29 lakh hectares in the State.

(c) Occurance of continuous rains in first fortnight of October, immediately after prolonged dry spell, resulted in shedding of floral parts. The weather also became congenial for the multiplication of white fly which further damaged the crop.

(d) Central Government do not provide relief for losses of crops caused by insects and diseases.

Allotment of flats under Self-Financing Schemes of D. D. A.

*369. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants who are waiting for allotment of flats after paying the last instalment of D.D.A. under the Self-Financing Schemes;

(b) whether it is a fact that the DDA promised the applicants allotment of flats after six months of the payment of the last instalment;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for collecting the instalment and not allotting flats; and

(d) whether Government propose to instruct the DDA to pay interest on the amount deposited by the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In approximately 215 cases allottees have paid the final instalment but possession of flats has not been handed over.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The allottees are Paid interest @ 7 per cent per annum on the registration deposit for the period beyond 30 months from the date of allocation. If construction is delayed further beyond 36 months DDA is considering to increase the rate of interest to 10 per cent. For multi-storeyed flats interest @ 7 per cent per annum is paid for the period beyond 3,1|2 years and DDA is considering to increase the rate to 10 per cent per annum if the construction is delayed beyond 48 months of the date of allocation.

Employment of workers on muster roll in C.P.W.D.

*372. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued by the Director General of Works, C.P.W.D. to the effect that only those workers, who have been sponsored by the Employment Exchange, should be employed on muster roll;

(b) whether it is a fact that some muster roll workers have been appointed by the Trivandrum Central Division of C.P.W.D. as muster roll drivers, who had not been sponsored by the Emploment Exchange; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1977 one driver on muster roll is working intermittently in Trivandrum Central Division and Trivandrum Central Electrical Division.

(c) Due to exigencies of work and unavoidable circumstances sometimes muster roll workers have been engaged without reference to Employment Exchange in relaxation of the normal procedure.

Paradip Fertiliser plant

*376. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Paradip Fertiliser plant has been completed;